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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

By Office Action dated January 10, 2007 the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict. The Office Action maintained that the application contained three groups of inventions (Groups I, II and III as detailed in the Office Action) which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Office Action suggested inter alia that the special technical feature of Group I is a benzo[1,3]oxazinone ring and is different from the special technical feature of Groups II-III.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-6, in part, and 7-9). However, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that all of the claims of this application are linked by a single general inventive concept: the process sequence represented by (1), (2) and (3) in Claim 1 that can be used in connection with the preparation of fused oxazinones as recited in that claim. Common structures involved in that sequence include a carboxylic acid, a sulfonyl chloride and a pyridine compound (optionally substituted) in (1), an *ortho*-amino aromatic carboxylic acid and a pyridine compound (optionally substituted) in (2) and additional sulfonyl chloride in (3). In addition, mole ratio aspects are recited. Applicant submits that the process sequence is not restricted to particular J and K groups among those within the scope of Claim 2. Applicant notes that while J and K represent groups on reactants used for the preparation of certain fused oxazinones as recited in Claim 2, they remain as the respective J and K groups on the product oxazinones that are prepared by the Claim 2 process. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the process sequence represented by (1), (2) and (3) in Claim 1 clearly represents a single general inventive concept that is not limited to a particular J and/or K as a special technical feature.

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In sum, claims 1 through 11 remain pending in the application. Examination of all of these claims in light of the comments above is respectfully solicited.

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